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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The intention of this letter is for me to go on record as being a supporter of the settlement that brought an end to the antitrust lawsuit between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. The lawsuit dragged on for three years, and now that it is over, the economy has a chance to get back to where it used to be.

The economic downturn actually started when the suit against Microsoft was announced, and now the United States is in a recession. I cannot understand how the government missed the fact that the suit against Microsoft was actually detrimental to the economy. However, all of that is behind us now, and we must focus on getting back to where we used to be. The settlement is good for competition and the economy, and we must push forward.

Thank you for your time, and again, I am going on record as supporting the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

Alex Burkhart  
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